

from our President

The "Spring Affair" was a great success, as shown in Sheila's exhibition report and I take this opportunity to thank all members who exhibited their work. A special "Thank you" to Chris Seale who donated the painting for our raffle and to Jocelyn Maughan, John Shields and Richmond Art Supplies who sponsored the children's prizes. Once again Marcella Pyke has done a great job teaching the children in our After School Classes. I must also mention the dedication of committee members who go to great ends to achieve the best results for everyone. Another special "Thank you" to Virginia Wheatley who stepped in to serve the wine on Opening Night as Margaret Mackisack has taken over as treasurer and was kept busy on the sales desk. It is a real relief to be able to have assistance with the catering and the young ladies who work for us are well worth their money.

The committee is still under strength and this has resulted in the limited advertising that we have been able to do. We need people for short periods of time for small tasks such as to distribute posters and invitations or to put up banners on the pole which we rent from the council. These little jobs which take just a little effort and a short time to complete are the extras that committee members find quite exhausting when piled on top of the organizing of entries and catalogues, compiling the equipment, setting up the venue, issuing invitations to dignitaries, acquiring judges and transporting everything to and fro.

Another way of supporting your society is to attend opening nights which are now free. It is quite some time since we had a real party on opening night and to be truthful, I think the committee deserves a party!

This spring we invited the St John of God Hawkesbury Health Care Auxiliary to be part of our event. We think it is important to recognise the work of volunteers in the community and reach out to those who work to help others.

On Saturday, 21st October I was invited to represent MTAS at the opening of the art exhibition at the Polo World Championship. The art competition included sculpture as well as flat art. I must admit that the sculptures which were submitted from all over Australia, made an outstanding outdoor display and received most of the prize money, but congratulations to Deidre Morrison for her painting of "Richmond Lowlands Morning Light" which was one of the highly commended awards, the highest given for any of the

paintings. We are all aware of the publicity for the polo. It was an international event backed by the NSW State government.

Our November program begins with an Open Day at Yarramundi on Wednesday, 1st followed by the meeting on 14th when a representative from Canson has been invited to come along and activities conclude with a BBQ at Yarramundi on Sunday, 19th. We hope to see members, families and friends take the opportunity to have a look at the library, view some of the AV equipment and have a meal with us. Please bring your own meat if you wish to BBQ but we will have tea and coffee, some salad, bread and perhaps some cake to share. I hope to see you there!

Narelle Ward
President MTAS Inc

CASS report

It's the CASS ArtDirect Open Studio trail throughout November. Check the www.cassartdirect.com.au web site for the locations and opening times for 20 studios around the Sydney and Central Coast area - a great opportunity to pick up gifts for Christmas. The Piggery Lane Studio and Gallery will be open every Saturday in November so pop in and say hello.

The Art in Action booking form will be available on the CASS web site at www.combinedartsocieties.com at the end of October - there are some wonderful tutors in Oils, Acrylics, Watercolour, Charcoal and Pastel coming to Merroo next May 18,19 and 20. It's also the 25th anniversary of this great weekend of tutorials and networking so get in early to reserve your favourite workshops.

The entry form for the annual Art of Sydney exhibition at the Australian National Maritime

Museum next January is on the CASS website, entries close 1 December so get your entries in, it promises to be another wonderful event.

Kym

Awards

Hamilton North Rotary Art Show

1st Watercolour *Julie Simmons*

Warrigal Rotary Art Show

1st Watercolour *Julie Simmons*

Daphne Young Watercolour Prize

1st *Julie Simmons*

Polo World Championship Art Exhibition

HC *Deidre Morrison*

MTAS Spring Affair

1st People's Choice *Chris Seale*

2nd People's Choice *Guenther Bath*

3rd People's Choice *Jeanette Starr*

PITT TOWN SPORTING CLUB

The works will be changed over on Thursday 2nd November

Classes

MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Teacher Marcella Pyke

Term 4 begins Mon 16th Oct

& Wed 18th October

\$96 (8 week term)

incl. materials

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL

Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

MTAS LIFE DRAWING GROUP

3rd Tuesday each month

7pm - 9pm \$12.

Model, easels & supper.

BYO drawing materials.

Next session, Tuesday

21st Nov. at the Art Shop,

328 Windsor St, Richmond

Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

FRIDAY ART CLASS

with Deidre Morrison

All media

Work at your own pace in relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

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HAWKESBURY PRINTMAKERS INC.

We will meet on Saturday November 11th at K13 on the WSU campus. You need to be an HCAW member. We will be carving/ printing from lino for Christmas on paper/ and or fabric.

BYO lino/tools/paper/ink or can purchase. \$5 fee + materials at cost. BYO lunch.

Enquiries

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FOHacRG Inc.

We sold 2 artworks. Thank you to all who contributed. We had over 200 visitors who enjoyed viewing the historic wedding photos, borrowed and FOHAC collection prints, photos and paintings. The combined raffle, catalogue sales and donations will pay for the conservation of the Rev Cartwright painting.